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SUBJ: OCEAN DUMPING CONVENTION

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED WITH SIMMS OF /UK DEPT OF ENVIRONMENT (DOE) UK PLANS RE SUBJECT CONVENTION.

2. SIMMS SAID, IN BELIEF THAT CONVENTION WOULD COME INTO FORCE SEPT 27 BASED ON HAITI ACCESSION, UK HAD TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MEETING IN ACCORDANCE TERMS OF ARTICLE XIV FOR DEC 15, 1975 AT CHURCH HOUSE IN LONDON. INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MEXICO 8052 AND DEPT 217570 THAT, IN FACT, PANAMA ACCESSION JULY 31 WAS FIFTEENTH BRINGING CONVENTION INTO FORCE AUG 30, 1975 HAS CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTIES FOR UK.

3. DUE PRESS OF OTHER MEETINGS NEAR END OF 1975 (IMCO ASSEMBLY 3-14 NOV; EVENSEN GROUP 24 NOV - 5 DEC; N. SEA CIVIL LIABILITY CONVENTION MEETING ALSO NOVEMBER IN WHICH UK AND EUROPEANS INVOLVED) SIMMS SAID IT VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR UK TO FIND TIME OR PLACE FOR DUMPING MEETING BEFORE DEC 15. IN ADDITION, SINCE UK NOT LIKELY BE ABLE ACCEDE TO CONVENTION BEFORE LATTER PART OF NOVEMBER (THUS MAKING UK OBSERVER AT ANY MEETING BEFORE
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THAT TIME) AND SIMILAR PROBLEM FOR CANADIANS, SIMMS SAID

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HE WILL RECOMMEND TO FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE THAT DECEMBER 15 BE NOTIFIED TO PARTIES AS DATE FOR MEETING EVEN THOUGH THIS WILL BE SOME TWO WEEKS OUTSIDE TIME LIMIT OF ARTICLE XIV.

4. SIMMS TOLD US HE BELIEVES MOST PARTIES TO DUMPING CONVENTION WOULD NOT OBJECT TO SHORT DELAY TO DECEMBER 15 FOR MEETING, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF "LOST" ACCESSION BY PANAMA WHICH HAD JUST COME TO LIGHT. EMBOFF INFORMED HIM THAT IT EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT U.S. WISHED TO MOVE AHEAD QUICKLY TO BRING CONVENTION INTO OPERATION.

5. DOE AND FCO MEETING SEPT 16 TO TRY TO RESOLVE PROBLEM OF TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING. SIMMS IS TO LET US KNOW RESULTS WHICH WE WILL CABLE TO DEPARTMENT ASAP.

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